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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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Claim Objections

1. Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities: "sends the received information a multimedia service center" should be "sends the received information *to* a multimedia service center". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The term "internal (external) content provider " in claims 1 and 6 is a relative term, which renders the claim indefinite. The term " internal (external)" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. Internal Content provider is defined as a content provider, which is installed internally or on-site, and an external content provider is defined as a content provider, which is installed externally or at a remote location. The specification does not indicate internal or external from what or the boundaries of the site nor the location from which it would be remote.

Double Patenting

3. A rejection based on double patenting of the "same invention" type finds its support in the language of 35 U.S.C. 101 which states that "whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process ... may obtain a patent therefor ..." (Emphasis added). Thus, the term "same invention," in this context, means an invention drawn to identical subject matter. See *Miller v. Eagle Mfg. Co.*, 151 U.S. 186 (1894); *In re Ockert*, 245 F.2d 467, 114 USPQ 330 (CCPA 1957); and *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970).

A statutory type (35 U.S.C. 101) double patenting rejection can be overcome by canceling or amending the conflicting claims so they are no longer coextensive in scope. The filing of a terminal disclaimer cannot overcome a double patenting rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. 101.

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4. Claims 1-19 are provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-19 of copending Application No. 10/820,722. This is a provisional double patenting rejection since the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless – (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 6-8, 11-13 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lagadec et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0098625).

Referring to claim 6, Lagadec et al. teaches a multimedia information (Figure 1, 30) and information inquiry download service (Figure 1) comprising: a user accesses an information inquiry service platform with a mobile phone to search for and download information (Figure 1, 20 and 0002); the information inquiry service platform sends a request for the information to an external content provider (0002 & 0028); the external content provider (0028 and Figure 1, 16) obtains the requested information (Figure 1, 16 and 0009, 0010, 0015 & 0018) and sends the information to a common service platform (Figure 1, 32); the common service platform sends the received information a multimedia information service center (Figure 1, 30, i.e. gateway); and

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the multimedia information service center sends the information to the user's mobile phone (Figure 1, 14).

Referring to claim 11, Lagadec et al. teaches a multimedia information (Figure 1, 30) and information inquiry download service (Figure 1) comprising: a user uses a mobile phone to access an information inquiry service platform, in order to search for and download information (Figure 1, 20 and 0002); according to the information requested, the requested information is obtained (Figure 1, 16 and 0009, 0010, 0015 & 0018) and sent to a multimedia information service center (Figure 1, 30, i.e. gateway) via a common service platform (Figure 1, 32); and the multimedia information service center sends the requested information to the user's mobile phone (Figure 1, 14).

Referring to claims 7 and 12, Lagadec et al. further teaches whereby the information inquiry service platform is accessed via unstructured supplementary service data (USSD) (Figure 1, 30).

Referring to claims 8 and 13, Lagadec et al. further teaches whereby, the information inquiry service platform is accessed via wireless application protocol (WAP) (Figure 1, 30).

Referring to claim 17, Lagadec et al. further teaches whereby, according to the requested information, the information inquiry service platform sends a message to an external content provider (0002, 0028 and Figure 1), and according to the message, the external content provider

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(Figure 1, 16 & 0028) obtains the requested information and sends the information to the common service platform (Figure 1, 14).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1-3 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meyerson et al. in view of Vitikainen et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0065802).

Referring to claims 1 and 15, Lagadec et al. teaches a multimedia information (Figure 1, 30) and information inquiry download service (Figure 1) comprising: a user uses a mobile phone to access an information inquiry service platform, in order to search for and download information (Figure 1, 20 and 0002); according to the information requested, the information inquiry service platform contacts an content provider to obtain the information requested by the user (Figure 1, 16 and 0009, 0010, 0015 & 0018); the information inquiry service platform sends the information via a common service platform (Figure 1, 32) to a multimedia information service center (Figure 1, 30, i.e. gateway); and the multimedia information service center sends the information to the mobile phone of the user (Figure 1, 14), but does not teach an internal content provider. Vitikainen et al. teaches an internal content provider (Figure 6, 690).

Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Lagadec et al. with the teaching of Vitikainen et al. of using an internal content provider to create a sample of multimedia content for preview of a user of a mobile phone (0008).

Referring to claim 2, Lagadec et al. further teaches whereby the information inquiry service platform is accessed via unstructured supplementary service data (USSD) (Figure 1, 30).

Referring to claim 3, Lagadec et al. further teaches whereby the information inquiry service platform is accessed via wireless application protocol (WAP) (Figure 1, 30).

7. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meyerson et al. and Vitikainen et al. in further view of Zellner et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0195570).

Referring to claim 4, Meyerson et al. teaches sending the request information via the common service platform to the information inquiry service platform wherein the inquiry service platform obtains location information of the user (Figure 1, 52 and 0018) to obtain location specific information according to the location information of the user (0018), but does not teach wherein the request also includes the location information of the user. Zellner et al. teaches wherein the request also includes the location information of the user (0045). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Meyerson et al. and Vitikainen et al. with the teaching of Zellner et

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al. wherein the request also includes the location information of the user to provide location specific message without revealing the identity of the user (0009).

8. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meyerson et al. and Vitikainen et al. in further view of Gidron et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0060188).

Referring to claim 5, Meyerson et al. and Vitikainen et al. teach the limitations of claim 5, but do not teach after sending the information to the mobile phone, the multimedia information service center sends a reply to the information inquiry service platform and when the information inquiry service platform receives the reply, it sends a completion message to the common service platform for billing. Gidron et al. teaches after sending the information to the mobile phone, the multimedia information service center sends a reply to the information inquiry service platform (0045 and Figures 1-2) and when the information inquiry service platform receives the reply, it sends a completion message to the common service platform for billing (0037). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Meyerson et al. and Vitikainen et al. with the teaching of Gidron et al. wherein after sending the information to the mobile phone, the multimedia information service center sends a reply to the information inquiry service platform and when the information inquiry service platform receives the reply, it sends a completion message to the common service platform for billing to provide a method of charging for providing desired content to users (0010).

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9. Claims 9, 14, 16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meyerson et al. in further view of Zellner et al.

Referring to claims 9 and 14, Meyerson et al. teaches sending the request information via the common service platform to the information inquiry service platform wherein the inquiry service platform obtain location information of the user (Figure 1, 52 and 0018) and then contacts the content provider to obtain location specific information according to the location information of the user (Figure 1 & 0018), but does not teach wherein the request also includes the location information of the user. Zellner et al. teaches wherein the request also includes the location information of the user (0045). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Meyerson et al. with the teaching of Zellner et al. wherein the request also includes the location information of the user to provide location specific message without revealing the identity of the user (0009).

Referring to claims 16 and 18, Meyerson et al. teaches sending the request information via the common service platform to the information inquiry service platform wherein the inquiry service platform obtain location information of the user (Figure 1, 52 and 0018) and provides the content provider with the request and according to the location, content provider obtains the requested information and sends the information to the common service platform (Figure 1 & 0018), but does not teach wherein the request also includes the location information of the user. Zellner et al. teaches wherein the request also includes the location information of the user (0045). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of

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ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Meyerson et al. with the teaching of Zellner et al. wherein the request also includes the location information of the user to provide location specific message without revealing the identity of the user (0009).

10. Claims 10 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meyerson et al. in further view of Gidron et al.

Referring to claims 10 and 19, Meyerson et al. teaches the limitations of claims 10 and 19, but does not teach after sending the information to the mobile phone, the multimedia information service center sends a reply to the information inquiry service platform and when the information inquiry service platform receives the reply, it sends a completion message to the common service platform for billing. Gidron et al. teaches after sending the information to the mobile phone, the multimedia information service center sends a reply to the information inquiry service platform (0045 and Figures 1-2) and when the information inquiry service platform receives the reply, it sends a completion message to the common service platform for billing (0037). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Meyerson et al. and Vitikainen et al. with the teaching of Gidron et al. wherein after sending the information to the mobile phone, the multimedia information service center sends a reply to the information inquiry service platform and when the information inquiry service platform receives the reply, it sends a completion message to the common service platform for billing to provide a method of charging for providing desired content to users (0010).

Conclusion

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Board et al. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0019812 discloses system and service for receiving, customizing, and re-broadcasting high-speed financial data to users operating wireless network-capable devices.

Corrigan et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,640,097 discloses WAP service personalization, management and billing object oriented platform.

Fisher U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0125023 discloses method and system for providing a wireless terminal communication session integrated with data and voice services.

Gailey et al. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0027591 discloses tracking purchases in a location-based services system.

Juntunen et al. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0002324 discloses transaction-based service billing in a telecommunication system.

Lawless et al. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0193094 discloses method and system for downloading software products directly to wireless phones.

Lohtia et al. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0211845 discloses system and method for providing subscriber-initiated information over a microbrowser.

Lynch et al. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0035617 discloses e-business mobility platform.

Makipaa et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,556,217 discloses system and method for content adaptation and pagination based on terminal capabilities.

Pitts, III et al. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0161587 discloses natural language processing for a location-based services system.

Portmann et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,944,447 discloses location-based services.

Raivisto et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,968,175 discloses method and system for sharing transmission revenues between mobile operators and content providers.

Raivisto et al. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0075675 discloses apparatus and method for accessing services via a mobile terminal.

Suryanarayana U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0155848 discloses world wide web content synchronization between wireless devices.

Viikari et al. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0120323 discloses method and system for providing location-based services in multiple coverage area environments.

Warsta et al. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0181550 discloses system and method for efficient adaptation of multimedia message content.

Xanthos et al. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0041566 discloses bitwise monitoring of network performance.

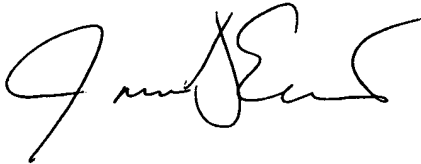
Zellner et al. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0077084 discloses location blocking service from a web advertiser.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James D. Ewart whose telephone number is (571) 272-7864. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7am - 4pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on

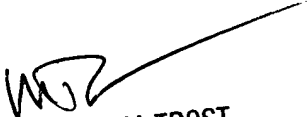
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